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Driver charged in collision that resulted in amputations

LOS ANGELES – The Paramount man who allegedly drove his BMW into two men standing in front of a parked car outside a strip club was charged today with drunken driving, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Terrence Conrad Meeks, 40 (12-27-72), is scheduled to be arraigned later this afternoon at the Criminal Justice Center, Department 30. He is charged in case BA408840 with one count of driving under the influence causing injury and one count of driving with .08 percent blood alcohol causing injury. The complaint includes a special allegation that more than one person was injured. Prosecutors will ask his bail be set at \$160,000.

Meeks allegedly left a strip club at Olympic Boulevard and McGarry Street about 3:30 a.m. Sunday and got into his BMW. He allegedly rammed the car into two men, pinning them against a parked Mini Cooper. One victim had both legs severed below the knee, said Deputy District Attorney John Gilligan. The second victim had his right leg crushed and it had to be amputated. Both victims remain hospitalized.

Prosecutors said there was no evidence the incident was the result of a hate crime.

If convicted, Meeks faces up to five years in state prison.

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